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11. (SBU) In a meeting with Foreign Minister Bogollagama on May 11, Charge and EconChief outlined U.S. support for Kosovo's membership application to the World Bank. Highlighting the recent positive vote in favor of Kosovo's IMF membership, and taking into consideration the GSL's decision not to recognize Kosovo, EconChief encouraged Bogollagama to submit an abstention vote to the World Bank. Bogollagama noted that the GSL prefers not to take any action concerning Kosovo until the International Court of Justice publishes its advisory opinion on whether Kosovo's unilateral declaration of independence is in accordance with international law. Econ Chief encouraged Bogollagama to reconsider and to register a vote with the World Bank.

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